

Do not allow all media to be owned by a few large corporations

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should revert to the rules in place some years ago which would have prevented much of the media concentration in the hands of a very few companies which threatens to destroy the United States.

I do not believe there is any link between media deregulation and consolidation and the fact that there may be more sources of media than ever before. The latter flows from changing technology and instead of providing a broader variety of views has been co-opted to deliver the ever homogenizing view of those few companies which control all information in this country.

In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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